

Profession vs. Practice.

As every one knows the Democratic politicians have loudly and persistently proclaimed against the "salary-grab," styling the parties engaged in it "thieves," etc. The bills and valleys of old Gallia have echoed with these charges, until some parties were induced to believe that the orators making them were too virtuous to touch a "salary-grabber" with a ten-foot pole. That was their profession. Now for the practice. It is nothing less than the election to the position of Clerk in the lower House of Congress of a man who partook of the "back-pay steal." Adams, whom the Democrats with this position, was a member of the Forty-second Congress, and "stood the raise." After this display of treachery, don't you think it is about time our Democratic leaders should enter their holes and draw the end in after them? We do.

Bowing to Tammany.

On their own dung-hill the Ohio inflationists are a bold and defiant set, but when they come into the presence of Tammany they are as mild as lambs. The election of Speaker has taken the starch out of them, and now, says the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, "they are beginning to acknowledge their mistake. They were a week ago, still confident, or professed to be, that their theory would eventually win, but to-day a number of the more prominent of their faction have frankly admitted that they have been advocating an error which will have to be abandoned."

Still, notwithstanding these confessions, and notwithstanding the further fact that our Ohio inflationists did vote for a hard-money Speaker, it will surprise us, when they get home, and have placed themselves before the people for re-election, to hear of them going about over their Districts howling for "more money!" More astonishing things than that have occurred, in the history of Ohio Democrats.

Congressional Notes.

L. H. Fitzhugh, elected Doorkeeper of the House, was Sergeant-at-arms of the Confederate Congress. He has experience, you see, over democratic bodies. The Chaplain of the House is an Episcopal rector, who was unable in the war days to minister to a church in Connecticut because he then refused to remember the President of the United States in his public prayers as his rubric and his Bishop commanded. The Postmaster was a Captain in Joe Stewart's Confederate cavalry. A few years have wrought great changes.

The scenes in and about the hotels the night before the democratic caucus are thus pictured by the correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette:

"These in the midst of thick tobacco fumes and odors of whiskey, and floor and walls bespattered with tobacco, talked and argued, persuaded, begged, and threatened, hour after hour. There were legions and armies men in considerable numbers scattered about, who no doubt fought bravely, but not for the Union."

"THE 'SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN, SIR,' was to be seen and heard on all sides. He evidently felt that he had at last achieved a victory and taken Washington. Said a Confederate Major, a member-elect, 'All Virginia appears to have invaded the Capital. There are 5,000 from the first families here. It is the first time an organized Confederate force ever entered Washington.'"

The N. Y. Herald says the election of Kerr for Speaker is a Tammany victory. Others think a Wall Street victory. It is simply a Democratic victory, and that means one or both, or neither, just as you please.

The selection of "keeper of the restaurant of the House of Representatives" was not so much of a disturbing element as the election of Speaker, still, it was an important matter to that democratic body. A liquor-seller of the city applied, and coming with a recommendation from Senator Thurman and other great lights, in these words—"we cheerfully recommend his appointment, believing that from his long experience as a caterer, he would discharge the duties with great satisfaction"—he secured the privilege of furnishing the inner man.

The editor of the Portsmouth Times was terrific for "more money" during the campaign—starvation and ruin would come without inflation—its opponents were "coupon-clippers," "bullionists," "oppressors of the poor," "thieves" etc.—and now, it says that the election of Kerr, a hard-money apostle, as Speaker, is evidence of the "elevated character" of the Democracy. We fail to see the "elevated character."

Tax building of the Dayton and South-eastern Narrow Gauge Railroad will be let at Dayton on Tuesday, Wednesday.

An explosion occurred in a coal mine in England on the 6th, by which over one hundred miners lost their lives.

Gen. Tom. Ewing, says the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, in view of the election of Kerr for Speaker, takes a most gloomy view of the future of the rag baby. Taking a look into that future, he says that the result indicates the purpose of the "monied interest" to nominate either Tilden or Bayard for President, compelling the West to be content with a sop in the way of Speaker, Sergeant-at-Arms and Clerk. Of course Tammany and Wall street will run the Democratic machine, and the democrats of Ohio made a silly mistake in supposing that they were powerful enough to prevent it. They are smart fellows, but Tammany carries the longest pole.

We believe we have heretofore omitted to state what manner of business the democratic Congressmen were engaged in on the Sunday after the caucus. We shall permit the correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer to tell it, else it might be pronounced a Republican lie. He says: "Everything has been very quiet here to-day, and the principal industry has been that of getting sober."

BISHOP HAYES, of the M. E. Church, at a Sunday school meeting in Boston, last week, took occasion to nominate Grant for the third term. We have no particular objection to Gen. Grant, but we have a decided objection to the nomination of any man for a Presidential third term. It is contrary to the genius of our institutions, and against precedent, and ought not to be even talked about.

VINTON FURNACE went into blast last week, and the coke made by Messrs. Bancroft & Rader, the particulars of which we published some weeks since, is being used successfully in the manufacture of iron.

Among the Furnace items in the Ironton Journal we find the following:

"Eagle furnace has on hand 3,500 tons of ore and about 200,000 bushels of charcoal. It will at least run a portion of the time next year. She makes 400 tons per month of No. 1 iron. Her blast next year will depend upon the condition of the iron market."

The Grand Jury at St. Louis has indicted Gen. Hancock for connection with the whisky frauds. He claims that he will be able to establish his innocence. The Military Court will await the result of the civil trial.

A DEMOCRATIC member of Congress has prepared a bill reducing the army to 15,000 men. It is now 25,000. Perhaps they had better wive it out entirely, then Indians, Democrats and Mexicans can do as they please. How these fellows do hate soldiers.

Gov. Allen's Warden of the Ohio Penitentiary is a genius. Coming across a patented washing-machine, which he thought would be a good thing to have for use in that institution, and being a Democratic economist, he set some prisoners to work to make two of them. Save buying, you see. Well, next comes along the patentees and ask for damages. The matter was submitted to arbitration, and the result is the State, or somebody else, has to pay \$2,854 for the infringement. Economy!

Our Point Pleasant neighbors are in a fair way to receive telegraphic communication with the world. The Western Union Company has promised to lay a sub-marine cable across the river, on condition that the town pays them a bonus of \$800. \$800 of the money has already been subscribed, and it is expected the balance will soon be forthcoming.

Ex-SENATOR HENDERSON, of Missouri, has been engaged in assisting the District Attorney in the prosecution of the St. Louis whisky frauds. Having a democratic heart, he assailed the President in an unwarranted manner, intimating that he had interfered in the prosecution, a charge without the shadow of a foundation. The President could not do otherwise than what he did, dismiss the partisan, with orders to the District Attorney to supply his place with the most able and efficient counsel that can be found, "without regard to politics." All that can be said against Gen. Grant, in connection with these frauds, is that he was unfortunate in the selection of government agents; he was imposed upon. As soon as he learned of their crooked transactions, his injunction was: "Let no guilty one escape."

A SHOCKING calamity is reported by cable. On Saturday, at Bremerhafen, while the steamer Mosel was taking on board passengers and luggage, there was an explosion by which sixty-eight persons were killed and thirty-five wounded. The cause of the explosion was a package of dynamite in the luggage of one of the passengers. The luggage was by accident dropped, and the concussion caused the explosion.

Gov. Allen has appointed L. G. DELANO, of Chillicothe, Railroad Commissioner, to supply the vacancy caused by the resignation of JOHN G. THOMPSON.

"Where is Boss Tweed?" is still the inquiry of the New York jailer. Echo answers, where?

Neighborhood News.

Portsmouth jail has twelve inmates. Webb, the Huntington bank robber, gets twelve years in the Penitentiary.

Ironton has a man whose name is Adam, and his wife's name is Eve. The assistant postmaster at Jackson, Frank Martin, has the small-pox.

Thomas Mace has been arrested in Vinton county for attempting to commit a rape on a woman named Nancy Reed, sixty-four years old.

Hiram Warner, a music teacher, living at Oak Hill, fourteen miles from Fayette C. H., on Thursday, November 26th, while laboring under a fit of mental aberration, got hold of a sharp hand axe and cut his left foot and leg off in three places, also his left hand. The wounds bled but little. No hopes are entertained of his recovery.—*Charleston, W. Va., Journal.*

Robert Bradford, whose death is announced this week, was one of the pioneers of this county, a descendant of one of the noted few who trusted their fortunes to the May Flower, and a son of Major Bradford, of Revolutionary fame. Major B. built the first mill in Decatur township, Washington county, which was destroyed by the Indians when only one bushel of meal had been ground. The deceased was the first male child born in the stockade at Marietta, the pioneer salt maker in this county, formed one of the party who attempted to arrest Aaron Burr, and although one of our oldest citizens was less known than many far younger, for he was modest and unassuming. Well prepared by education to serve his fellow men in most any sphere to which he might be called, he chose to perform his duties as husband, father and citizen, humbly yet conscientiously.—*Mid-Ohio News.*

The Board adjourned on Wednesday. The following is a statement of the proceedings not noted by us last week:

G. H. Rader was allowed \$156 for building a bridge across Blessing's run, in Harrison township.

Martin Scott was paid \$14 for building a small bridge across Glenn's run, in Huntington township.

In the matter of the petition of Daniel Reese and others to vacate a county road, in Perry township, such proceedings were had as the law requires, and further action continued until the March session. The same proceedings were had in the case of the vacation of a county road petitioned for by Thomas Carter and others.

The petition of Samuel Rothgeb and others, for an alteration of the upper river road, was dismissed without further proceedings. The report of the viewers in the matter of the petition of James M. Mills and others, for the alteration of a county road, after being read the third time, was continued until the March session. The same action was had in the case of a county road petitioned for by Adam Davidson and others.

Allowances to Attorneys for defending criminals by appointment of Court, were made to the amount of \$165.

Payments on account of bridge work were ordered to the amount of \$475.78.

Appropriations from the Revenue fund were made amounting in the aggregate to \$1,924.75.

The estate of the late Wm. B. Astor is estimated at \$45,000,000. The will is dated June 17, 1856, and has nine codicils, the last one dated June 2, 1871. After a few unimportant legacies to certain benevolent institutions, and \$200,000 to the Astor Library, he leaves the residue of his estate to his children, of whom he had two daughters and three sons.

A SLIGHT shock of earthquake was felt at Nebraska City Thursday morning.

No work in Congress yet. The Democratic caucus has not got any ready. It met on Monday to prepare some.

It cost the State \$22,026 to advertise the two Constitutional amendments submitted at the recent October election. Democratic editors seem to have made a "fat" job of that piece of soap.

THE Democratic Association of the District of Columbia has adopted a resolution declaring "that the Democratic party has been, now is, and always will be in favor of gold and silver as the only constitutional money of the Nation, paper money being the illegitimate offspring of the Republican party." Inflationists will occupy back seats.

HON. JOHN Q. SMITH, of Ohio, has been appointed Commissioner of Indian affairs. He has one important qualification—he is strictly honest.

COLONEL JAMES O. BRODHEAD has been appointed as special counsel in the prosecution of the whisky cases at St. Louis, in place of General Henderson. General Babcock gave bail at St. Louis in the sum of \$7,000, Saturday.

The Republican National Committee will meet on Thursday, January 13, at 10 A. M., at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, for the purpose of fixing the time and place for holding the next Republican National Convention, for the nomination of President and Vice President.

For the Gallipolis Journal. To the Patrons of the Gallipolis Public Schools.

There are two evils closely related which exist wherever schools exist, and which seriously interfere with their working and progress. These evils are absenteeism and tardiness. They are not more manifest in Gallipolis than in many other places; indeed, the percentage of attendance in our schools is quite as good as in other cities conditioned like our own. But while any unnecessary absence or tardiness exists, efforts to correct the irregularities ought not to cease. It is not the object in this article to prove that these irregularities are evils, nor particularly to discuss them, but to draw the attention of patrons to the regulations of the Board of Education respecting them, and, if possible, to secure a more hearty compliance with those regulations by those interested.

The rules adopted by the Board are in substance: that absentees shall furnish valid excuse for such absence; that unexcused absence for eight half days in the Primary grades or for six half days in the others, shall be reported to the Superintendent, who may at his discretion reinstate the delinquent; for a second offense the pupil must go to the Board of Education. In applying this rule two tardiness are reckoned as one absence.

The difficulty is to get a valid excuse. The following requests sent are in the following form:

Miss Smith, Please excuse Peter for absence.

N. Jones.

It is to be observed in the above, that no excuse is stated. Certainly, such is not the object of the rule. Some parents seem to regard it as a personal affront, if a teacher objects to such a paper seeks to know the cause of absence. It is true, that, in some instances, there may be reasons that the parent, from sensitiveness, dislikes to state. These, we think, can not be numerous, and in many cases the delicacy may be a false one.

A pupil would not render an excuse to the teacher and was referred to the Superintendent; when questioned as to the cause of her absence, she said it was because she had no shoes. A sufficient reason, surely! but why might not the parent state the same on a slip of paper sent to the teacher? A mother told the Superintendent that her boy was absent because she was so overburdened with work that she could not get his clothes ready. Satisfactory! but why not say it on the paper that was sent?

Other parents are grieved because the teacher does not receive the word of the pupil as ample explanation and valid excuse, without any paper. A boy was reported yesterday as neglecting to bring an excuse. He told a reasonable, and, as it proved, a true story. He was directed to bring a written excuse. It was brought; but it was accompanied with the significant remark that the parent hoped that the boy's word would be taken in future. Now, we cannot always discriminate wisely enough, to justly decide what pupils may be, and what ones may not be believed.

Some of the fairest stories that pupils have told us, investigation has shown to be false, and some of the "straightest" looking notes have proved forgeries. Under the circumstances, but one rule can be adopted, and that must apply to all alike. Another difficulty is this: Very many parents permit the children to write their own excuses, and sign thereto the parent's name. What excuse can be given for this? It certainly opens the door for any pupils so disposed, to absent themselves at pleasure, and manufacture their own excuses.

Now, in all this matter, we know that the parent has rights that teachers are "bound to respect." We know perfectly well, that parents have rights in the matter of educating their children at home, if they see fit to do so, and that, too, without needing an excuse to any one. The schools, too, have their rights which all good citizens ought to regard, and defend. Legislators, understanding how important and delicate are the interests entrusted to the keeping of the Boards of Education, have conferred upon them extraordinary powers. The law states in substance, that these Boards shall have the power to make and enforce all needful rules, and just regulations for the management of the schools under their care. So common is the necessity for a regulation respecting tardiness and absence, that all the Boards in the State, so far as are known, have adopted a rule similar to that in force here.

There is no doubt about the legal right of Boards to make these rules, and even more stringent ones, and to extend certain privileges, and to exclude certain restrictions, those who do not comply with them.

In order to make this matter plain, we will say that what we desire is: that the request for an excuse shall state the cause of absence; that it shall be in writing and signed at least, by the parent or guardian, if not written by him, and that it be brought by the pupil on his return to school; if sometimes, the reason cannot be given, let the request state that the absence was necessary, if it was so.

E. E. SPAULDING, Supt.

For the Gallipolis Journal. Kygerville Kinks.

Rain—plenty of it and some to spare. Mad three feet and rising.

There was quite a time at Old Kyger Church on last Friday evening. Slingshots, brass-knuckles and fence-stakes were used quite extensively.

Messrs. Tate and Rowley have shipped some fine hogs to Cincinnati, two of which weighed eleven hundred and twenty-five pounds. How is that for pork?

Jas. Kent has returned from his Kanawha trip. He hunted in the rain all day, and all he caught was his boots full of water.

Horace Bradbury is teaching the public school. Horace is an adept in teaching the young idea how to shoot. He knows his biz.

The boys seem to have a hankering after school here this winter.

THREE KYGER KINKS.

For the Gallipolis Journal. Swan Creek Jots.

Weather changeable. Cold and muddy. Schools progressing finely.

Debating societies the latest sensation. Capital handled and the subjects being liberally torn to pieces.

Thieves not so numerous as in days of yore. Some have "gone where the woodbine twines and the whangdoodle moorings." Others have experienced the demand of antic toys and dolls with curis, for playful boys and laughing girls.

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For the Gallipolis Journal. Raccoon Jottings.

Adamsville has a new store. J. Larimer is the merchant, and Charles Wood salesman.

Wm. H. McNeal has the winter school in the Ricksburg district.

J. Topping traded farms with A. W. Evans, who has moved to Pike county. Mrs. M. S. Giles is the recipient of some rather ancient papers, preserved by a Mr. Robinson, in the State of Maine. It is a F. W. Baptist publication, "The Morning Star," number bearing date of Oct. 18, 1827. That same "Star" still shines, and has become almost four times as large as it was then. If it are continued in the same manner, it will be its future. Certainly we live in an age of improvement.

Hon. H. S. Seal, of Ironton, Judge Hebard and T. W. Hampton, of Gallipolis, were on a visit to Rio Grande last week.

That's right, "Brother Blix," give it to him. Oh! "that load on your breast," cast it all up, you will feel the better, drive away that "evil" and get the "bile" off your stomach. It is hard to fight with no foe to encounter, but then it helps to swell your items and make "em" look big. And that "Promission" sounds so much like the Governor's. I have no words to express my appreciation. Surely it is the product of more than one fertile brain.

Centerville may indeed be classed as No. 1 county town. It has one or more "Yankee" and many good Welsh. I have not been around to find out all of their "ancestry," but do know that they are enterprising. Let's hear from you often.

Plastering completed on College. It was done by some colored men from Gallipolis, and is pronounced a good job.

Sermon at Rio Grande Church by Prof. R. Dunn, Sabbath, and also in the evening, which was listened to with marked attention. No one can but appreciate the privilege of hearing such able discourses.

Mr. Wm. C. Eagle had the remains of his little son removed from the "Ebenezer" burying ground to Rio Grande, and William H. Clark and John S. Clark were appointed executors of said last will.

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BUYING PRICES FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE. Dealers are paying the following prices for the various articles named:

Wheat, red, per bush, 1 25¢ to 30¢ "white, 1 35¢ to 40¢ Corn, 35¢ to 40¢ Barley, 1 70¢ to 80¢ Sugar Cane Seed, per bush, 25¢ Oats, 40¢ to 50¢ Flaxseed, 25¢ Flour, cwt, 3 50¢ to 4 00¢ Buckwheat flour, cwt, 4 00¢ Corn Meal, bush, 40¢ to 50¢ Potatoes, bush, 35¢ to 40¢ White Beans, 1 00¢ to 1 25¢ Dried Apples, bush, 1 00¢ to 1 25¢ Peaches, do, 2 00¢ to 2 50¢ Butter, 20¢ to 25¢ Eggs, per doz, 20¢ to 25¢ Bacon Hams, 14¢ to 16¢ Cured Sides, 15¢ to 16¢ Shoulders, 14¢ to 16¢ Hay, ton, 14 00¢ to 16 00¢ Sorghum Molasses, per gal, 35¢ to 40¢ Green Hides, per lb, 5¢ to 6¢

For the Gallipolis Journal. Queries for School Teachers.

I am prompted to propound a few questions for the consideration of school teachers, and others, if the Editor will so permit.

What is meant by the term "civilization" in other words, why is a nation said to be civilized?

Why does China stand still in her civilization?

Upon what does the advance of civilization chiefly depend?

Why is England so particularly prosperous—why not other islands?

What has the history of the American nation demonstrated?

We want the answers to be brief and explicit.

Come, follow-teachers, "let your light shine." DE SOTO. GALLIA FURNACE, Dec. 8, '75.

Resolutions upon the death of James Brown, of Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7, F. A. M., Gallipolis, Ohio.

WHEREAS: It has pleased the all wise God, The Supreme Architect of the Universe, to call from our midst our beloved brother, James Brown, to that judgment which awaits all who labor in this earthly temple.

WHEREAS: The Masonic ties which have so long bound us in friendship to our departed brother, are severed, no more to be re-united until we meet again in the Grand Lodge above.

Resolved, That we sincerely lament the disavowal of our mutual friendship and earthly ties of our brother, who left in tender remembrance, his fidelity to Masonry, and his devotion to the principles it inculcates.

Resolved, That this Lodge earnestly sympathize with the relatives and friends of our departed brother, and tender them that consolation which the world can neither give nor take away.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the family of our departed brother, and inserted in the papers of this city.

WM. NASH, R. ALESHIRE, Committee.

Tribute of Respect.

To the T. J. MASTER AND COMPANIONS OF MORIAH COUNCIL, No. 32, R. & S. M.

Your Committee appointed to prepare resolutions appropriate upon the death of Companion JAMES BROWN, fraternally submit the following, viz:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Master of the Grand Council of the Universe has taken from us our beloved Companion, JAMES BROWN; and

WHEREAS, By this disruption of covenant friendship, there remains in Moriah Council, No. 32, a "broken triangle";

Resolved, That in the death of our Dep. Ill. Master, Companion JAMES BROWN, we have sustained the loss of one, whose conduct was ever marked with justice and mercy, and who scrupulously observed the cardinal virtues of a Select Master.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the record of our Council, and that a copy hereof be furnished the bereaved family.

JOS. HUNT, ROBINSON BREARE, G. D. McBride.

Probate Court.

Judge KENT furnishes us the following statement of the business of the Probate Court for the past week, to-wit:

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Charles Courtney and Irene Holmes, Vincent Moodispaugh and Mary J. Compton.

OTHER MATTERS. The last will and testament of John Clark, deceased, was admitted to Probate, and William H. Clark and John S. Clark were appointed executors of said last will.

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